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To the Editor of THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT STUDENT :

The Rev. Canon Driver in a note to the undersigned writes as follows : " I do not for a moment imagine that Isaiah 53 and 61 : 1-3 refer to Cyrus. In *Isaiah, His Life and Times*, pp. 177-180 I considered them to be fulfilled by Christ. As regards 61 : 1-3 the only question is whether the prophet is to be supposed to be speaking, or the "servant of the Lord;" I prefer the latter alternative. Nor do I suppose that any part of ch. 40 relates to Cyrus. I only suppose Cyrus to be referred to where he is named, or obviously alluded to, as 41 : 2, 25 ; 44 : 28 ; 45 : 1-5, 13 ; 46 : 11.

As this *differs* from what some of his readers supposed to be the actual meaning of the Regius Professor of Hebrew at Oxford and is in itself a contribution to the exegesis of the prophet, I send it at once to the STUDENT ; and also because I included the learned Canon among those who interpret "historically" the latter portions of Isaiah. See that chapter in *The Writers of Genesis*, pp. 115-138, and compare the first twenty lines of p. 279 of OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT STUDENT for November, 1890.

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General Notes and Notices.

One of the most influential and well known scholars in the line of Old Testament work is Professor C. A. Briggs, D. D., of Union Theological Seminary. He has recently been transferred from the chair of Hebrew and Old Testament exegesis to that of Biblical Theology in the same institution. This new department has just been endowed through the liberality of Charles Butler, Esq., and is called in honor of Dr. Edward Robinson, the Robinson Professorship of Biblical Theology. The peculiar gifts of Professor Briggs will have ample scope in this field of investigation where he has already won large success.

Among forthcoming publications of the winter are the following works of interest to the student of the Scriptures : A Concordance to the Septuagint, prepared by the late Dr. E. Hatch ; in the Cambridge Bible for Schools Series, The Psalms by Professor Kirkpatrick, the Epistle to the Galatians by Professor Perowne, the Epistles to the Thessalonians by Professor Findlay, the Epistles to Timothy and Titus by Rev. A. E. Humphreys, the Revelation by the late Mr. Simcox ; the Psalms of the Pharisees, called also the Psalms of Solomon, by Professors Ryle and James of Cambridge ; The Old Testament in Greek, Vol. II, 1 Chronicles to Ecclesiasticus ; the Peshitto Version of the Gospels, by Rev. Mr. Gwilliam ; The Historic Origin and Religious Ideas of the Psalter, the Bampton Lectures of Canon Cheyne ; the volumes on Romans, Proverbs and Ezekiel in the Pulpit Commentary ; The Gospel according to St. Luke, the Greek text of Westcott and Hort, with notes by Rev. John Bond.